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UNIVERSITY MALL TO BE COMPLETED SEPTEMBER 1974

MISSOULA--

A mall between the University Center and the new Library, designed to serve as a "front door" to the University of Montana, is scheduled for completion in September 1974.

The mall and the renovation of the old Library are building projects scheduled for completion on campus within the next two years, according to J. A. Parker, director of University facilities at UM.

The mall will be a pedestrian route from the University Center to the Library and from the parking lot below Mount Sentinel to Main Hall. The outdoor mall will include three ponds, small grassy hills, terraced gardens, cobbled walks, benches, trees and hedges.

The Campus Development Committee, which consists of Parker, three students, four faculty members and two vice presidents, recommended the mall construction and estimated the cost at about \$130,000.

The committee recommended the mall be built to convey serenity and beauty and to be thought of as an extension of the Library. The mall, which is tentatively scheduled to be completed in September 1974, was designed by Page Werner, an architect in Great Falls.

A scale model of the mall will be on display during the dedication of the new Library during Homecoming.

Renovation of the old Library into classrooms and office space is tentatively scheduled to begin in the spring of 1975 and is estimated to cost about \$1.5 million. The renovation will provide four large classrooms which will seat 200 or more and four other classrooms which will seat 100 or more.

The remaining areas of the three-story building will be converted to office, research and storage rooms.

Phase one of the new Library building is completed and will be dedicated during Homecoming Oct. 12. The 500,000 volumes now housed in the old Library are scheduled to be moved during the interim between Fall and Winter Quarters. Three floors of the five-story building will be occupied when the move is completed in January 1974.

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